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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC - ITEM 15: NATURAL RESOURCES

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1. QUOTED BELOW IS THE TEXT OF THE MEXICAN DRAFT (LEFT OPEN WHETHER A RESOLUTION OR DECISION) ON NATURAL RESOURCES, ITEM 15, AS SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR REPRODUCTION AS A FORMAL PROPOSAL. THE FORMAL DOCUMENT WILL PRESUMABLY BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE IN THE MORNING OF JULY 20 AND BE OPENED FOR DISCUSSION AT THAT TIME.

2. THE DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT THE SHORT PARAGRAPH ON PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OVER NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM AN OPERATIVE TO A PREAMBULAR PARA AND THAT IT NOW COMMENCES WITH "RECALLING" RATHER THAN "REAFFIRMING". WE WERE UNABLE, HOWEVER, TO PERSUADE THE MEXICANS TO DROP THE TERM "ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES" AS BEING AMBIGUOUS, QUESTIONABLE AND UNNECESSARY TO THE CONTEXT OF THE RESOLUTION.

3. REQUEST IMMEDIATE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE POSITION WE SHOULD TAKE, INCLUDING THE POSSIBLE USE OF THE FORMULA MENTIONED IN PARA 5 REFTEL. JAPANESE, FRG AND UK
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HAVE SIMILAR PROBLEMS AND INDICATE THAT, IF THE RESOLUTION/

DECISION IS ADOPTED WITHOUT VOTE, THEY WOULD PROBABLY
MAKE BRIEF EXPLANATIONS ON THIS POINT.

4. MEXICANS APPEAR AGREEABLE TO ADJUSTING OPERATIVE PARA
3 SO AS TO AVOID MAKING A RECOMMENDATION TO
THE ACABQ.

5. TEXT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

NATURAL RESOURCES

COLOMBIA, JAMAICA, MEXICO AND VENEZUELA:
DRAFT RESOLUTION

STRENGTHENING OF UNITED NATIONAL INFORMATION SERVICES IN
THE NATURAL RESOURCES FIELD

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING THE PRINCIPLE OF PERMANENT SOVEREIGNTY OF EACH STATE
OVER ITS NATURAL RESOURCES AND ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES,

RECOGNIZING THE INCREASING NEED FOR THE STRENGTHENING OF THE
VOLUNTARY EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON NATURAL RESOURCES AFFIRMING
THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS AS A CLEARING HOUSE FOR SUCH IN-
FORMATION,

1. ENDORSES THE PROPOSALS SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL
ON THE GRADUAL STRENGTHENING OF THE UNITED NATIONS INFORMATION
SERVICES IN THE NATURAL RESOURCES FIELD, AS SUBMITTED IN HIS
REPORT (E/5807 AND CORR. 1);

2. RECOMMENDS THAT SUCH INFORMATION SHOULD COVER TRENDS IN
SUPPLY, DEMAND, CONSUMPTION AND RESERVES OF NATURAL RESOURCES,
DRAWING UPON THE WORK CARRIED OUT WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE UNITED
NATIONS SYSTEM AND INCLUDE RELEVANT ECONOMIC DATA ON PROCESSING,
TRANSPORTATION AND THE STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS OF INDUSTRIES
IN NATURAL RESOURCES SECTORS;
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3. FURTHER RECOMMENDS THAT THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS AND THE FIFTH COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, GIVE FAVOURABLE CONSIDERATION TO THE
PROVISION OF THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL RESOURCES.

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